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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**A UTILITY METERING SYSTEM INCORPORATING A TRANSACTION AUTHORISATION SYSTEM**

and invented by:

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**Application Elements**

1.  Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
  
2.  Specification having 23 pages and including the following:
  - a.  Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b.  Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
  - c.  Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
  - d.  Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
  - e.  Background of the Invention
  - f.  Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g.  Brief Description of the Drawings (*if drawings filed*)
  - h.  Detailed Description
  - i.  Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j.  Abstract of the Disclosure

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3.  Drawing(s) (*when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113*)  
a.  Formal      b.  Informal      Number of Sheets \_\_\_\_\_ 7

4.  Oath or Declaration  
a.  Newly executed (*original or copy*)       Unexecuted  
b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional application only*)  
c.  With Power of Attorney       Without Power of Attorney  
d.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

5.  Incorporation By Reference (*usable if Box 4b is checked*)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied  
under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby  
incorporated by reference therein.

6.  Computer Program in Microfiche

7.  Genetic Sequence Submission (*if applicable, all must be included*)  
a.  Paper Copy  
b.  Computer Readable Copy  
c.  Statement Verifying Identical Paper and Computer Readable Copy

**Accompanying Application Parts**

8.  Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents*)

9.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there is an assignee*)

10.  English Translation Document (*if applicable*)

11.  Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449       Copies of IDS Citations

12.  Preliminary Amendment

13.  Acknowledgment postcard

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15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
16.  Small Entity Statement(s) - Specify Number of Statements Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_
17.  Additional Enclosures (*please identify below*):

**Applicants claim priority from United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0012392.7 filed  
22 May 2000 and benefit from US Provisional Application No. 60/210997 filed June 12, 2000.**

**Request That Application Not Be Published Pursuant To 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)**

18.  Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2), Applicant hereby requests that this patent application not be published pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(1). Applicant hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing of the application.

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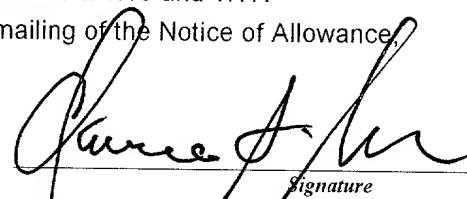
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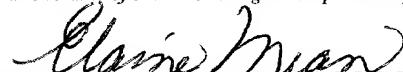
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